While you are waiting: our class syllabus and procedural information can be found in the sheet protectors on your desk. Feel free to look at them while we wait for everyone 😊
A little about me...

- **14th year teaching in traditional classroom** (prior was experiential educator)
- **7th year at TBMS 😊**, prior to that taught high school and middle school in the Bay Area.
- **Masters in Curriculum and Instruction**, Bachelors of Science – EcoPsychology
- **3 Single Subject Science credentials** (Biological Science, GeoSciences and Health)
- **Presented at California Science Teacher’s conference** on content material in 2010, 2011, 2012
- **Love teaching 7th graders** – no day is ever the same
- **Work closely with** my teaching partner, Mrs. Hladun
7th Grade Science Curriculum

Working off of the CA science standards (1998) and framework (2004)- our class is interactive, activity based, and inquiry focused.

- Concepts Covered
  - Cells
  - Genetics
  - Evolution
  - Earth and Life History
  - Structure & Function in Living Systems
  - Physical principles in Living Systems
  - Investigation/Experimentation
Interactive Science Notebooks

Composition Notebook – used to record 95% of our learning...homework, classwork, activities, etc... it’s all in there
This is what your student sees and completes at the start of every class....

Thursday September 5th

**Take out:**
- pen/pencil
- ISN
- Glue
- ruler

**DoNow- ISN 22**
Answer only
What do you know about cells?

**GLUE**
- ISN 21 – Unit 2 Intro to Cells
- ISN 26 – Bill Nye # 1-10
- ISN 27 - #11-15

**Homework**
1. Get grade report signed
2. Academic Vocabulary Notecards - term and definition ONLY due Monday

**Due Today:**
Did you check/correct your classroom walk?
Grading

50% Daily Effort
- daily assignments, preparation, participation, etc

50% Assessments
- Tests and quizzes (1-2 pt “pop quizzes”)

Most assignments are graded as follows:
- 10: complete and obvious effort – date stamp = full credit
- 7/5/3: some effort
- 1: minimal effort
- 0: no effort (blank page)

I DO NOT ACCEPT LATE WORK!
If a student is absent they will be given time to make up assignments once they return (1 day for every day absent)

If a student has an assignment incomplete and they make it up, I encourage them to show me and I will change the missing to handed in (sorry no extra points...
Parent Resources

- **TBMS website / My website**
  - [http://tbms.wpusd.k12.ca.us/](http://tbms.wpusd.k12.ca.us/)
  - [http://tbms.wpusd.k12.ca.us/subsites/Gina-Ford/](http://tbms.wpusd.k12.ca.us/subsites/Gina-Ford/)

- Class Syllabus & Procedures
- Calendar – homework posted daily
- Current Unit Resources
- Online Textbook
- TeacherEase*  (TBMS grade reports signed every month, I send home ones from time to time if your student has a C-or below in science)
- CA State Standards for Science & Common Core
- Email me directly
- Amazon orders
Thank You

- I am looking forward to the rest of this school year with your student
- Questions? Feel free to make an appointment by signing up on the clipboard on my desk

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